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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT DURING MARCH
23 OVERFLIGHT OF SAUDI ARABIA

1. A MESSAGE FROM 89 MAW ADNREWS AIR FORCE BASE (DTG 092229Z
MAR 76) INFORMS US THAT VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WILL
OVERFLY SAUDI ARABIA MARCH 23 EN ROUTE TO IRAN. ONE OF THE
MORE PERSISTENT CUSTOMS IN THE ARAB WORLD APPEARS TO BE THE
SENDING OF MESSAGES BY IMPORTANT PERSONAGES AS THEY OVERFLY
FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. WE THINK IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED
IF VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WERE TO PASS A BRIEF MESSAGE
TO KING KHALID AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD AT THE TIME THAT
HIS AIRCRAFT OVERLIES THE KINGDOM.
NEXT PARA CONTAINS TEXT OF PROPOSED MESSAGE.

2. BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT: YOUR MAJESTY: ALMOST EXACTLY ONE
YEAR AGO I HAD THE SAD DUTY OF VISITING SAUDI ARABIA TO REPRESENT
THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE TIME OF
THE DEATH OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING FAISAL. AS I AGAIN FLY OVER THE
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOUR MAJESTY
AND THE PEOPLE OF SAUDI ARABIA BEST WISHES FOR
PEACE AND PROSPERITY FROM PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD AND THE PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A PLEASURE ALSO FOR
ME TO EXTEND MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES TO HIS ROYAL
HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ.
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